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Thread: [Can Money Really Make You Happy?](#)

onlineuser | D3RFER - January 19, 2026, 6:22 am

Would you be happier with unlimited money or with a family, a house, and a nice car?

Is true happiness about wealth, or about building a stable and meaningful life? Curious what people think.

diablospartan - January 19, 2026, 7:49 am

It depends my man

Some people are happy with a lovely wife who loves them and they would not be happy with bunch of money but no love

On the other side they are people who prefer a lot of money and they would also not like just a mediocre life with just a family

So it depends from person to person

casperr - January 19, 2026, 8:05 am

Yes, I think money helps. It brings stability and peace of mind.

Meaning is personal though. Everyone has their own version of what a meaningful life is.

Motusora - January 19, 2026, 8:29 am

with money, you'll be able to build a stable and meaningful life.

you'll get almost everything with it.

Jamika - January 19, 2026, 11:56 am

Sure , you can still be sick , but i prefer to be sick in good bed and can visit a doctor than be poor and healthy

Prawnster - January 19, 2026, 12:05 pm

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Prawnster - January 19, 2026, 12:08 pm

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Deany - January 19, 2026, 4:09 pm

Yes, of course. Without money, I cannot buy gundams or Papa Johns.

Bbw suga - January 19, 2026, 8:38 pm

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I think perspective is everything

TheNaturalBoy - January 19, 2026, 8:46 pm

I believe that money can't give you "happiness," but I do think that having a bit more money can make life more decent. Of course, to be honest, in certain places and under certain conditions it's complicated—many people live very different realities. Ten dollars in California is not the same as ten dollars in Nepal, Venezuela, or Uganda. I'd say that having a little extra money, enough to cover basic things like housing, food, and healthcare, does make a difference.

Yes, maybe it's hard to imagine a life without those small—and sometimes not so small—pleasures, like modern devices, food that's hard to prepare at home, cars or transportation, certain types of clothing, or household and entertainment items. But it's also worth trying to see the good side of what we already have and to recognize what we've achieved through our own effort. Maybe it's not much, but it's still something.

Terry A. Davis - January 19, 2026, 8:51 pm

Family over money. I am not materialistic

Polaris Web - January 19, 2026, 10:22 pm

if you had millions, but you are watching youtube shorts and seeing billionaires you would still feel the same " the bad ". turst me if simple pills can give you more happiness than money. then we all are manipulated on this world.

for me it's peaceful life. oh the happiness you create it yourself. the stress is same. and overthinking is same.

Yanix - January 20, 2026, 3:46 am

For me I'd choose a family, a home, a peaceful life and most of all connection to God over unlimited money any day. Wealth can make life easier, but it can't replace genuine love, connection and purpose. For me, true happiness, comes from building something meaningful with the people who matter most.

RangoWorld - January 20, 2026, 6:54 am

If someone is broke. Money will make them happy. Because it'll allow them to get things like food to live a good life.

If someone's struggling. Money will make them happy because it'll give them mental freedom to not stress about bills every month.

If someone's rich. Money might not make them happy because getting a 16K 200 inch TV from an 8K 100inch TV will give them little joy that'll fade away quickly.

In short. After a certain threshold of income. Money has very little effect on your happiness. This is also scientifically proven in some studies.

crOmalware - January 20, 2026, 9:34 am

bueno un intermedio entre los es muy buena alternativa, una buena familia, coche y casa, mas una fortuna decente, es algo realista y posible, no hay la necesidad de cerrarse a puntos concretos ?

PISTONZ - January 20, 2026, 12:44 pm

Having a Financial freedom is a thing, but having a happy family with nice car and house is different things unvaluable.

MoOne - January 21, 2026, 3:39 am

I always say money can't buy happiness but it can buy experiences. Those experiences can definitely make you happy. But also to share a quote from one of my favourite films.

"happiness only real when shared" - Into The Wild

BlackRock - January 22, 2026, 1:56 am

For me personally, I get insanely stressed and anxious if I don't have any money.

I have a lovely wife, she's the best, but if we had no money, I would be stressed tf out.

For me, yes, money does make me happy. Not necessarily the money in itself, but the calmness, the opportunities and freedom that comes with it.

Rahul007rhp - January 22, 2026, 5:15 am

Obviously money = happiness these days. Unless your spoiling your body / life / mind with unlimited money thing.

JoseMar - January 22, 2026, 5:57 am

We need money, and we all know it. But if someone says that money doesn't bring happiness, then let them give me some!?

inclyner - January 23, 2026, 3:16 am

I'd rather cry in a ferrari than on a bus,

I usually say this, but deep down i know that if i dont satisfy my builder side i wont be happy

Money gives you freedom, buys you time. That's it!

Time to pursue your hobbies, time for your family, and what i consider to be specially important, time to really get to know yourself

As other have pointed out, beyond a certain point peoples lives dont change, there will always be problems, just different ones

Cosa Nostra - January 25, 2026, 1:04 am

Definitely the second option for me. Unlimited money sounds nice, but without people and stability it doesn't really mean much.

A family, a home, and a comfortable life give you purpose and peace. Money helps, sure, but it's more of a tool than the end goal. Real happiness comes from balance and having something meaningful to build and protect.

trololololo - January 31, 2026, 5:28 pm

yes and no, you can probably be happy with no money at all, but what happens when you get sick etc (if so)

The Pact - February 6, 2026, 7:13 am

I met a multi millionaire and he seemed so miserable. I stayed behind when he yelled at everyone to leave. Part of me was saying to myself that I should go, but I stayed because I saw hurt in his eyes. I told him I had had the stupid idea that because he was upset that he might want someone to talk to. He said "You think that was stupid?" I said "Yes." He said do you think I think it was stupid? I said "Yes." He said, "You're wrong."

Flimsyftw - February 6, 2026, 9:35 am

I think it works like a standard curve. Up to a certain point, it makes you happy in the sense you don't have to stress about it. However, as you get richer it has diminishing returns

The Pact - February 8, 2026, 3:05 am

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When I heard his wife talking and when someone else mentioned his name, the way she reacted was so odd I thought "all she thinks about is the prenup".

DeITex - February 8, 2026, 3:54 am

I remember reading a study at some point years ago that suggested "more money can make you happier, but only up to about \$60,000/per year - after that it's really just extra money". I believe the argument was that, at the time, a person who makes that much money in a year can afford all the basic needs of life and still afford to save and vacation a bit.

Just looked it up again recently, I guess that number is now \$75,000 - \$100,000 per year. Inflation doing it's thing.

There have also been more recent studies done that suggest there is no limit to how much money actually makes you happier. That you will just get happier the more money you have.

My opinion? Call my school of thought old fashioned or conservative if you want - but I feel there is a tangible threshold that once reached you don't feel "happier" with more money. But I could also understand that a person who values possessions over connections would likely feel differently.

Long/short, I'm sure the answers different for everyone. And I think the "far left and far right" of this topic heavily depends on if a person cares more for "stuff and things" then they do "relationships" and "adequately met physical needs" like healthcare or retirement money.

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That's sad.

Makes me think humans do need to have shared experiences. Too down or too high in the pecking order of society doesn't help. Even psychologically happiness and self esteem that comes from wealth and status is weaker than what we get from genuine connection and relationships.

RiveR29 - February 8, 2026, 9:48 pm

I mean, money could ease my stress over bills and such things, which could make me happier. But I think it would not make me truly happy. Cuz I know there would be people that would try to get money from me.

brianandy - February 9, 2026, 12:38 pm

I will be happy building a stable and meaningful life. A meaningless life with a lot of money gets boring in the long run.

devid55 - February 10, 2026, 7:39 pm

you can be happy with money without it. [warn]

Mastercarder - February 11, 2026, 9:30 am

I guess it just opens the paths and roads to getting what you want = happiness

El Mariachi - February 11, 2026, 9:45 am

Money brings happiness these days.

N - February 11, 2026, 11:53 am

They say money can't buy happiness, but I'm happiest when I can buy what I want, have what I want.

DAL-SHA - February 11, 2026, 2:50 pm

Enjoyed reading the threads and the comments on it really , different perspectives and opinions , thanks for this high quality thread !

Saterax - February 11, 2026, 3:19 pm

Yes, because at this point my living situation involving a girlfriend and pets hinges on the fact of a half-arsed 1099 contracting position with an AI company. With everything going on right now even finding \$20 on the ground would be nice with how crazy it has been lately.

But also maybe not directly the answer you're looking for, as money by itself cannot make you happy per se, but the stuff you can get with it can definitely bring some sort of stability to your life, which in turn makes it easier to wake up in the mornings.

Bogoss - February 11, 2026, 3:23 pm

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Ofc [warn]

binxzzz - March 16, 2026, 10:32 am

@onlineuser: inbox for me contact of u: tele, ... i'm can not reply msg

ByteMe - March 16, 2026, 11:39 am

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Yes money can make me really happy, The funny part is you won't be respected within the family without money.

shadylee54 - March 16, 2026, 3:05 pm

money buys a lot of stuff depts on the person ,we all tryna eat n have a roof over our heads so i think if money can get u these you should be happy unless you are physco [warn]

The Pact - March 22, 2026, 12:24 am

I knew a multi-millionaire who was absolutely miserable because he had no friends because every time he thought he'd made a friend they'd ask him for money, and he also felt his wife and adult kids only saw him as a money machine.

Almost no one ever said his name to his face and I even saw his wife acting shocked and like it was wrong when one of his managers said his name. She act like that was very cheeky and giggle but act kind of shocked. I thought that is no way for a wife to act! I could tell you a lot more but you'd probably think I was making it up if I did even though it would all be true.

Phobia_ - March 22, 2026, 2:43 am

It can to a certain extent I think, some things you cannot pay for though.

avielderich - March 24, 2026, 4:57 am

Money is happiness and stability

When you sick to death prefer private premium hospital or public one?money is everything.

HerrWinston - March 24, 2026, 10:09 am

Well I have to say, bytes certainly make me happy! And in general money allows for sooo many more opportunities, its not the only thing to bring you happiness, and it doesnt give you true happiness, but it for sure gives more chances to find true happiness :D

BabyVendetta - March 24, 2026, 2:36 pm

money are the first thing that would make me happy then comes the rest

Industry - March 24, 2026, 4:11 pm

Well it's hard to do much without money, but it's also not dependent in making a person happy.

I've been through both stages in life. That being said I can tell you one thing for sure, it helps.

Artifact - March 26, 2026, 9:59 am

Well, not while holding them, you can treat yourself and others well. And their happiness and your calm state of mind will offer that

Phantom_NiNja - March 27, 2026, 2:05 pm

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That depends on the person. Everyone is different.

Wealth doesn't directly make people happy. It indirectly makes people happy.

Why?

wealth is nothing but being compensated to for slaving away at a job your own business.

The idea of wealth means solving problems that society has that is worth paying you money for.

So, you have to work and solve peoples issues in exchange to get wealth. That things you sole from simple to complex

determines how much wealth you can potentially get. So, to work harder to make more money means either

do more jobs or start solving complex problems that normally you need to get educated to be able to solve them.

It all costs money but you would make more money later down the road.

So, having wealth won't directly make someone happy it's what you can do with it and the life it gets you to live with.

Howver, you cannot buy someone's love and buy a family... those things you need to invest in that doesn't require 100% money.

money enables you to have a family, have a house, have a nice car, have a life you want to live in.

If you're not wealthy you have to accept living a life with less stuff.

Yakless - March 27, 2026, 7:20 pm

The true answer is that money can buy you pleasure, but it'll never buy you true happiness.